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### **Central Park Medical Unit on the Scene at Flight 587 Crash Site**

*Volunteers Help Save the Life of One Woman and Assist Another*

The volunteers of the Central Park Medical Unit who so recently responded to tragedy at the World Trade Center, were on the scene again, this time in Belle Harbor, Queens at the site of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587.

While there were no survivors from the aircraft, several people who lived near the impact area required immediate medical attention. One, a 21-year-old neighborhood woman, was suffering from smoke inhalation when the CPMU volunteers arrived from Manhattan.

The patient, who required life-saving artificial ventilation was resuscitated by EMTs John Arbo and Frank Schorn of the CPMU while being driven to Peninsula Hospital in their ambulance by colleague EMT Rafael Castellanos under NYPD Highway Patrol motorcycle escort.

The CPMU volunteers also transported another victim, a 16-year-old girl suffering from an acute asthma attack, to Peninsula Hospital.

Afterwards, CPMU volunteers returned to the site to offer first aid to the rescue workers and residents of the area.

“We go wherever and whenever we are needed and sometimes that takes us pretty far beyond the walls of Central Park,” said Castellanos, the president of the Central Park Medical Unit. “We’ve been doing this for more than twenty five years, but the past ten weeks have been unbelievable. We’re proud to have been able to help, but we’re exhausted.”

#### **About the Central Park Medical Unit**

The Central Park Medical Unit is an all-volunteer emergency ambulance and rescue squad founded in 1975. Through its many certified EMTs, paramedics and physicians, CPMU’s volunteers provide life-saving emergency medical care and treatment for individuals who become ill and injured within Central Park and the New York community. CPMU is currently engaged in a fund-raising effort to replace equipment lost during its response to the World Trade Center attacks. All funds are used exclusively for the operation of the Central Park Medical Unit.